

The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13)

Part I

Intro: 1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

A. Glorious Heavenly Vision

1. Vision of Jesus in Glory with Moses & Elijah

2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

2. Positive Reaction to what was Seen

4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here.

If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

B. Glorious Heavenly Voice

1. Voice from the Glory Cloud

5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them,

and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

2. Negative Reaction to what was Heard

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

B' Earthly Voice of Jesus Replaces what was Heard

7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

A' Earthly Vision of Jesus Replaces what was Seen

8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Part II

Intro: 9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them,

A. Prophetic Vision (of Jesus in Glory with Moses and Elijah) Concealed

"Tell no one the vision,"

B. Prophetic Reference to Jesus' Suffering Revealed

"until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

A' Predictive Prophecy Regarding the Vision (of Jesus in Glory with Moses and Elijah)

10 And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"

11 He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things.

B' Predictive Prophecy Regarding Jesus' Suffering

a. 12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him,

b. but did to him whatever they pleased.

b' So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands."

a' 13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.